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The Rev. Culpepper declared Tampa to be on the line of reform. Well—perhaps.

Congress was convened in special session by President Taft on Monday. The tariff will now be "revised by its friends," i. e., made higher.

Duval county will use vitrified brick for the paving of county roads. Vitrified brick will probably come into general use as soon as it can be afforded. THE NEWS would like to see cement used as an experiment.

Every member of the next legislature will be called upon, during the year 1909, to donate all the way from \$1.00 to \$100.00 to the insurance trust. Some of them will "come across" without a whimper, while the thinking member may ask why? Break up this trust, gentlemen.

By direction of the judge retrying the Standard Oil Company for rebating, the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal. This was the famous case in which the Standard was fined \$20,000,000 a year or so ago by Judge Landis. There's nothing like getting the right kind of a judge to try a case.

The American people, Don Quixote-like, must have something to fight. After putting in five years fighting the trusts, we have now transferred our attention almost entirely to other crusades. As usual, the daily papers are leading in the skirmish—anything to sidetrack the fight against Standard Oil and the other big trusts.

And not a word is said about the great fire insurance trust, which is the curse of business all over the South. Strange that the business men and property owners do not rise up and hurl at this insurance combine a prodigious oburgation of forty-volcano power voice. Read the report of the State Treasurer of Florida, and it will readily be seen what a huge amount of money is taken out of this State by the insurance trust.—*Punta Gorda Herald.*

James E. Alexander, as the representative of one of the few counties of the State that has not had a State officer for many years is making a valiant fight for speaker of the House. Mr. Alexander has the most hearty co-operation and support of his colleague, Mr. Thornton, and we are also informed that he has the support of Senator Sams. The people of Volusia county are interested in Mr. Alexander's success, and if necessary or advisable, at least one hundred of our citizens would go to Tallahassee to work for him. THE NEWS hopes to be able to print the picture of Speaker Alexander in an April issue.

The legislature of 1909 will be called upon again to vote on the question of settling the Wailes claim, which, like Banquo's ghost, will not "down." The Wailes claim is based on services rendered or claimed to have been rendered, in securing from the national government the payment of the old Indian claims, the State realizing about a million dollars. A former legislature voted \$25,000 in full settlement of the claim, but this the heirs refused to accept, feeling that they would get much more if they waited and kept agitating the question. The question ought to be delegated to the courts—the members of the legislature will never be in position to settle the question with equity to the claimants and to the public.

CAMP CASSADAGA.

Although many tourists have left for the coast during the past week, yet new ones have arrived and fairly large audiences attended the meetings and participated in the amusements. The speakers through the week were Mrs. D. A. Morrill, Prof. J. Clegg Wright and Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly and each service was full of interest. Though each one has a style peculiar to himself and the discourses are marked by a high degree of inspiration, one does not tire of these lecturers because the unseen forces are constantly providing new food for thought and there is something to suit the needs of every listener. Mr. Wright's lecture on Saturday afternoon was a poem in itself; a poem in prose, and gave one the restful feeling that follows the hearing of a beautiful song. The subject was taken from the song rendered by the choir, "Tell me the old old story."

The regular card party was held on Monday evening.

The usual Wednesday evening entertainment took the form of an "old fashioned concert," the singers being dressed in the styles of a hundred years ago. Under the direction of H. A. Budington, who wielded a tuning fork fully three feet long, a large number of the songs of "auld lang syne" were finely rendered, to the great edification of the large audience present. Several pleasing specialties were rendered, the original solo by President Hilligoss, in which facetious mention was made of many of the prominent workers of the camp, being particularly well received. Brother Hilligoss makes an "all round" president, his wonderful versatility of gifts making him especially efficient as an entertainer as well as a very capable administrator and presiding officer. A very nice little poem, touching on the various happenings of camp life, was read by Mrs. Twing, who afterward called the young authoress, Miss Edith Pritchett, to the front and introduced her to the audience.

The dance on Thursday evening was well attended and highly enjoyed.

On Friday afternoon the ladies of the auxiliary held open house and served supper to over one hundred campers and visitors, the larger portion of whom remained during the evening, entertaining themselves in card playing and various other ways conducive to sociability.

Sunday morning Rev. Oscar A. Edgerly was the speaker, subject, "Ignorance and Selfishness, the Twin Curses of the Human Race."

The lecture was a most forcible exposition of the abuses arising from ignorance and a portrayal of the selfishness of individuals occupying high places, who, the lecturer claimed, have wilfully and with malice aforethought catered to ignorance for their own selfish ends. The lecture, taken as a whole, was a most valuable contribution to the lessons taught during the term of our meetings.

The speaker of the afternoon, Prof. J. Clegg Wright, took for his subject, "Spiritual Evolution as Related to the Happiness of Humanity." This address was a most masterly elucidation of the relations of man to the universe and the influences that originate in his environment and have a bearing on his happiness and his contentment with life.

Mrs. D. A. Morrill was the speaker at 7:30, her subject being, "Karma, or Cause and Effect." The lecture, while being subtle in its philosophical profundity, at the same time appeals to the audience in a manner to be of the greatest practical value.

Herbert Holley, one of our faithful workers, deserves especial mention. He came here several years ago with George D. Bartholomew, in quest of health. The climate helped him much but some tendency to rheumatism still remained, crippling him so severely that he was dependent on crutches. Mrs. Dr. J. H. K. Matteron, of Buffalo, one of the best known clairvoyants in the United States, visited the camp and became interested in the invalid. Cheered by the promise of her guide to cure him, he took her remedies for three months and has been working ever since, one of the happiest and most helpful men on the grounds. He cares for the cottages and lots during the absence of

the owners and does work for the Association and during the winter brings the camp mail, which is very large, some of the mail sacks weighing from 60 to 70 pounds, and distributes it through the boxes of our improvised post office in the library. People do not understand the amount of work he has been doing so long.

The crying need of the Southern Cassadaga is a post office of its own, at least for six months of the year, and hopes are entertained of securing one.

At the gate, in the pagoda built for the purpose, can be found a faithful sister who not only collects at the gate, but goes to the houses and hotels where transients are stopping and collects the sum that helps to make up the reserve of the camp. Mrs. M. M. Witters is a Massachusetts woman and a psychic of considerable power, yet she is faithfully doing her duty in that direction and making many friends because of a faithfulness to her work and her merit as a woman.

Mr. George Bartholomew is a helper and a builder. He has built three cottages upon the grounds, two of which he has sold to Mrs. J. D. Arras, of Columbus, Ohio, the "Hiawatha" and the "Peck-a-Boo." They still retain the "Blue Bell," a lovely cottage near the auditorium; but George had to keep on building and so purchased a few acres of land of Charles Meyers and put up a beautiful bungalow with pretty turrets. It contains eight rooms and being situated upon a hill, it looks like quite a mansion. Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew will spend a portion of their time there and the rest at the "Blue Bell" upon the camp ground. They have a large number of chickens from which they gain revenue.

A large lot south of the Bartholomew bungalow has been purchased by Mrs. Cooper, of Philadelphia, who expects to build a house thereon for her own occupancy during the winter season.

Late arrivals at the Cassadaga are Mrs. S. Adler, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. S. J. Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. Silas B. Wright, of DeLand, Fla. Mr. Wright is spending a few days with us attending to insuring the cottages of the camp and its surroundings.

CORONADO

Mrs. J. Bowman, son and brother Charles Kirkpatrick, after spending a week in Daytona, returned to the Barber House to finish her visit here among us.

Friday being fish day Mr. Van Wyck caught a large sheephead, weighing eleven pounds. It was something to be proud of, for the fish haven't been biting well at all.

Mr. Powell and family came back from Lake Helen and have rooms at Mrs. Miller's, where they will remain for the rest of the season.

George Warren has purchased a lot on Inlet avenue from A. L. Miller, and will build in the near future.

Saturday night Capt. Slavens set his shark line and in the morning found a big fellow caught fast. It measured 7 feet long. Many visitors viewed it and secured pictures.

Donald Douglass came home Monday night from Orange City, where he has been working all winter, and returned Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Taylor, who has been staying at the Coronado House, left Saturday for DeLand, where he will spend a week with his brother and then return here to remain until May, when he goes home to Richmond, Ky.

The people here gave a dance Friday night at the Atlantic House. Among those who went were Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw, Chas. Kirkpatrick, Genie Swartengreen, Miss Davis, Mary Silsby, Jim Rouse and Miss Stoleworth. The young folks enjoy these informal dances best of all.

Mrs. J. H. Vrooman left Saturday for Oak Hill to visit with her son over Sunday.

Mrs. Barber entertained her guests Saturday with a swell dinner out in the grove under the trees. There was clam chowder and roasted oysters to finish with. Such a treat is long remembered by our tourists.

Mr. Demaree gave an oyster roast, assisted by Tony Miers, Saturday afternoon. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Garrey, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. John Silsby, Mrs. Gordon Silsby,

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Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Antisdale. There were many others and all enjoyed the feast very much.

Mr. Dunbar, from Longwood, arrived Thursday night and will spend some time at the Barber House.

Mr. E. W. Williamson, from Pittston, Pa., arrived at the Coronado House and will spend the balance of the season here. He came over from Sorrento, where he stayed the first part of the winter.

ENTERPRISE.

The large animal killed by the train about a week ago is still unburied at the railroad crossing just east of town, which is very detrimental to health. From eight to ten automobiles have to pass it daily.

On Sunday afternoon a party from DeLand was over. The parties were Misses Mary Combs, Marion Wilmot and Genevieve Murphy; Messrs. N. B. Montreville, P. J. Lowrie and E. M. Brown.

P. O. Inspector G. M. Brown, of Atlanta, was in town Monday, and complimented Miss Thayer on the condition of her office.

Mrs. J. Lee McCrory and Mrs. Florence Richards of DeLand, were here yesterday to see about entering Mrs. Richards' children at the orphanage.

Two little children from DeLeon Springs were entered at the orphanage last week and one from Lakeland.

We are sorry to lose from our little town today Mr. and Mrs. White, who return to their home in Braddock, Pa. Also Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and Miss Barber and Miss Cushing, all returning to their home after a pleasant winter spent at the Epworth Inn.

Mr. Vickers goes to Daytona today to attend the races.

Miss Rebecca Quackenbos will leave tomorrow to visit friends in St. Augustine.

Dr. T. A. Neal made a professional call at the orphanage on Mr. Stephens last week. He is visiting his niece, Miss Hendry.

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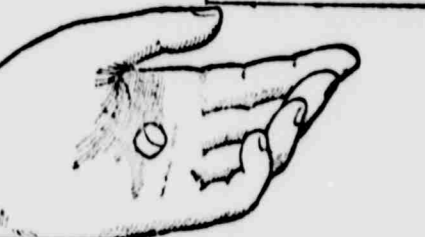
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